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From the Uncovered Window and Newspaper

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The window of Mr. Tomson's house was the only window in the town which was not covered by a curtain. It wasn't covered on that particular day. People in Bampur, were not used to an uncovered window, not in a conservative town like Bampur. But on that day the uncovered window first drew the attention of Matt. On his way to school, Matt saw the uncovered window, he looked around to see if anyone is on the street. The street was empty, so Matt stood on his toes and looked inside.

Nothing unusual. Just Mr. Tomson sitting on his chair by the fire and reading today's newspaper. Matt wondered if he should knock on the window, but he didn't. He decided not to bother him. Other people in the town took short glances at his window. But nobody looked carefully till it was 5 in the afternoon and Mr. Tomson was still reading the same page. That was when his friend, Harry, came to his window and looked inside.

Everything in the house would seem like it had been there for hundreds of years. Candles, books, the coat hanging by the door. Everything seemed untouched. The motionlessness of the man sitting on the rocking chair made him look like he was also a part of the furniture. His eyes were focused on the newspaper. Looking from the window, you could not see which page he was looking at exactly, but a small part of a black and white picture was visible. In fact, it was a picture of Mr. Clinton. Seeing a photo of Mr. Clinton in Bampur News was not surprising; the man was one of the most respected men in the town, he was loved by some of the people, and scared of by some others. What actually was surprising was the part of the title of the article which was visible; the words "MURDERED" and "BETRAY" could be read. Looking more carefully, you could see something dropping from the rocking chair to the wooden floor,

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